

Application No. 10/655,984

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 15 is cancelled, and claims 13 and 16 are amended.

It was noted in the above action that claims 1-12 and 21 were allowed. Claims 4 and 7 have been previously cancelled. It is therefore assumed that claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-12 and 21 were intended to be indicated as allowed. Correction of this assumption is invited, if needed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Perrone, U.S. Patent No. 5,565,274.

Claim 15, dependent from claim 13, was indicated to be allowable if amended to include the limitations of claim 13. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15. Accordingly, claims 13, 14, and 16-20 are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

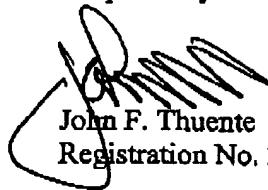
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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